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IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, a fee for filing this statement should not be due. If, however, it is determined that a fee is due, any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides, via hand delivery, this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. The Forms PTO-1449 (9 pages) and copies of the cited documents are also provided herewith via hand delivery. All the documents or abstracts listed on the

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,
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